

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN GEORGE GOLIE**, on March 15, 2005 at  
3:00 P.M., in Room 152 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. George Golie, Chairman (D)  
Rep. Paul Clark, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Scott Sales, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Arlene Becker (D)  
Rep. Dee L. Brown (R)  
Rep. Jill Cohenour (D)  
Rep. Robyn Driscoll (D)  
Rep. George Everett (R)  
Rep. Tom Facey (D)  
Rep. George G. Groesbeck (D)  
Rep. Robin Hamilton (D)  
Rep. Larry Jent (D)  
Rep. Harry Klock (R)  
Rep. Roger Koopman (R)  
Rep. Mike Milburn (R)  
Rep. Art Noonan (D)  
Rep. Don Roberts (R)  
Rep. John Ward (R)  
Rep. Bill Warden (R)

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent:** Rep. John Balyeat (R)

**Staff Present:** Debra Polhemus, Committee Secretary  
Doug Sternberg, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 186, 3/8/2005; SB 312, 3/8/2005;  
SB 339, 3/8/2005; SB 503, 3/8/2005

Executive Action:

**HEARING ON SB 503**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:56 **SEN. JOSEPH (JOE) TROPILA (D), SD 13**, opened the hearing on **SB 503**, Repeal authorization for Teton Spring Creek Preserve.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:03:35 Larry Peterman, Chief of Field Operations, Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

**EXHIBIT(fih57a01)**

00:09:42 Stoney Burk, Attorney, Choteau, representing Pat Saylor

00:12:17 Harold Bouma, residence near Choteau

00:15:00 Norman Haug, farmer/rancher, Choteau

00:17:06 Ottis Bryan, Choteau resident

00:18:02 Don McGillis, Choteau Cattle Company

00:19:18 John McDunn

**EXHIBIT(fih57a02)**

00:23:07 Pat Saylor, previous owner/operator of Teton Spring Creek Preserve

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:25:25 John B. Murnane, DVM, former employee of Fish, Wildlife & Parks, Choteau resident

**EXHIBIT(fih57a03)**

00:38:18 **SEN. JERRY BLACK, SD 14**

00:41:15 Rolfe Davidson, Land owner on Spring Creek Preserve

00:45:06 Susan Murnane, Spring Creek Preserve resident

**Informational Testimony:** None.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:48:03 **REP. BROWN**

00:54:23 **REP. BECKER**

00:55:47 **REP. EVERETT**

00:59:22 **REP. COHENOUR**

01:03:16 **CHAIRMAN GOLIE**

01:12:24 **REP. CLARK**

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:17:06      **SEN. JOSEPH (JOE) TROPILA (D), SD 13**, closed the hearing on **SB 503**.

**HEARING ON SB 186**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:21:00      **SEN. JOE BALLYEAT (R), SD 34**, opened the hearing on **SB 186**, Allow certain prize contests based on size of game animals taken by hunters.

**EXHIBIT(fih57a04)**

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:27:28      Bill Reier, Jr. , Organizer, Montana Hunting & Fishing Show, Bozeman

**EXHIBIT(fih57a05)**

01:32:45      Jean Johnson, Montana Outfitters & Guides Association

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Informational Testimony:**

01:33:49      Jim Kropp, Law Enforcement Chief, Fish, Wildlife & Parks

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:34:50      **REP. HAMILTON**

01:35:37      **REP. NOONAN**

01:36:29      **CHAIRMAN GOLIE**

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:37:32      **SEN. JOE BALLYEAT (R), SD 34**, closed the hearing on **SB 186**.

**HEARING ON SB 339**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:40:21      **SEN. JOE BALLYEAT (R), SD 34**, opened the hearing on **SB 339**, Provide low-cost combo sports license for active military personnel.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:44:36      Roger Hagan, Montana Air and National Guard Enlisted Associations

01:51:41      Col Jim Jacobsen, Legislative Chairman, American Legion

01:52:26      Dan Antonietti, State Legislative Chairman, Veterans of Foreign Wars

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**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

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**Informational Testimony:**

01:53:18 Larry Peterman, Chief of Field Operations, Fish,  
Wildlife & Parks

**EXHIBIT**(fih57a06)

01:58:28 Randy Mosley, Major General, Department of  
Military Affairs, Montana National Guard

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**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

None.

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**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:59:48 **SEN. JOE BALLYEAT (R), SD 34** closed the hearing on  
**SB 339.**

02:02:54 Break

02:13:22 Resume

**HEARING ON SB 312**

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**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

02:13:33 **SEN. KEITH BALES (R), SD 20**, opened the hearing on  
**SB 312**, Enhance penalty for big game hunting  
trespass second offense.

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**Proponents' Testimony:**

02:15:28 Jim Kropp, Law Enforcement Chief, Fish, Wildlife &  
Parks

**EXHIBIT**(fih57a07)

02:16:27 Jay Bodner, Montana Stock Growers Association

02:19:06 Jean Johnson, Montana Outfitters and Guides  
Association

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**Opponents' Testimony:**

02:19:31 Robert A. Throssell, Montana Wildlife Federation

02:22:48 Stan Frasier, Helena Hunters and Anglers  
Association

02:25:17 Toby Day, Manhattan resident, hunter

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**Informational Testimony:** None.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

02:29:13      **REP. EVERETT**  
02:31:19      **REP. CLARK**  
02:36:39      **REP. NOONAN**  
02:43:15      **REP. WARDEN**

02:45:34      **REP. COHENOUR**  
02:48:44      **REP. KOOPMAN**  
02:55:34      **REP. WARD**

Written testimony by Hugo Tureck was delivered at  
the end of the hearing.

**EXHIBIT**(fih57a08)

**Closing by Sponsor:**

02:59:44      **SEN. KEITH BALES (R), SD 20**, closed the hearing on  
**SB 312.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 6:15 P.M.

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REP. GEORGE GOLIE, Chairman

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DEBRA POLHEMUS, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

**EXHIBIT ([fih57aad0.PDF](#))**